

September 2011

Congratulations to B.E.S.T. for the Month of September



Margaret Coleman
First Shift



Rhonda Mitchell
Second Shift

On behalf of Chancellor Linda Brady and the entire Staff Senate, we'd like to congratulate you on being a Staff Star. This designation is special because it comes from one of your colleagues who recognized greatness in you and wanted to honor you for your kindness, compassion and dedication to UNCG students, faculty and staff.

Happy Anniversary

Chris Fay	31
David Mains	23
Ray Riggins	22
Walter Graham	17
Dale Williams	13
Chris Miller	12
Robert Alston	08
Randy Cappel	08
Chris Chilton	08
Andres Hernandez	08
Daniel Kendrick	08
Peter Lorenz	08
Raymond Montgomery	08
Samuel Wright	08
Debbie Reynolds	06
Arleen Westmoreland	06
Andrew Gwyn	05
Alfred Hanes	05
Ibrahim Samatar	04
Gregg Sipler	04
Jimmy Smith	04
Carlos Frate	03
Valerie Johnson	03

CONGRATULATIONS YOU ARE A STAR



The Staff Senate held their first Staff Star ceremony on September 29, 2011 at the Chancellor's Board Room. The Staff Stars with their supervisors were honored.
 Staff Star: Andrew Bushnoe-Facilities Operations (Plumbing Shop)
 Staff Star: Jeffery Melton—Facility Services
 Staff Star: Katie Sales— Facility Services
 Staff Star: James White-Facilities Operations (Zones)
 Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities: Jorge Quintal
 Zones Supervisor: Guy McGayhey
 Facility Services Supervisor: Joe Borden

SAFETY UPDATE

OF ACCIDENTS/INJURIES

<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
3	5
<u>For Calendar Year</u>	<u>Last Calendar Year</u>
31	27

Safety Tip: Use proper body positioning while performing all duties.
 Bend your knees, tighten your stomach, and keep your back straight.



CONGRATULATIONS

To: Tony and Angelica Rojas on the birth of their new daughter.
Name: Paola Rojas
Born: 9/ 15/2011
Weight 7 lb. and 3 oz.



Employee Spotlight: Angel Ruiz

I was born in Panama, Central America, at Gorgas Hospital. My parents Carmen and Adolfo Ruiz are both deceased. I came from a family of four brothers and two sisters. I grew up in the American side of Panama called the Canal Zone, in a small town called Gamboa. Gamboa was thirty minutes from the City of Panama. A little country with waterfalls and a beautiful forest. All the fruit and veggies grow naturally.

My Dad worked as an engineer for the Tugboats in the Canal. My Mom worked as a seamstress for the U.S. Government making military clothing. When my father retired we moved to a town called Paraiso. We lived there for six months until we bought a four bedroom house for \$19,000. I went to St. Mary's Catholic school for eight years and I went to Corundum Junior High in the ninth grade. I attended Balboa High School for my 10th and 11th grade. In July, 1981, I decided to visit my sister in North Carolina. She lived in Pleasant Garden. I decided to stay and I started school at Southeast Guilford Senior High School in Forest Oaks. I didn't graduate that year because I didn't have all my credits transferred from Panama. I had to go to school for half of the next year and then wait for my class to graduate in June of 1983, but I got my diploma.

I moved to Fort Gordon Army Base in Augusta Ga. I lived with my sister Nelly and her husband James, for two and one half years and then came back to Greensboro. I decided to join the Navy. I started boot camp in San Diego, CA. in 1986. I was sent to Engineering Boiler Technical "A" School, at Great Lakes, Illinois. After school I was designated to the USS Forrestal CV-59, an aircraft carrier, nicknamed ("Forest Fire"). I was stationed at Mayport Naval Base Jacksonville, Florida for five and one half years. I decommissioned the Forrestal in 1993. I enjoyed every moment of my time in the Navy as US Navy Petty Officer. After I left the Navy I lived in New York City for six years. In New York City I met my beautiful fiancée Elizabeth. We have been together for seventeen years. She has always supported me when times were bad and she has always been there for me. God bless her and I love her dearly.

We decided to move back to North Carolina after twenty- eight years. In 1999 I went to work for UPS, and I worked there for five months. I went to work at Grandover Resort as a Maintenance Mechanic. I was still working there and in 2000 I was hired as a boiler operator in the Steam Plant at UNCG. I worked both jobs for two years. I also worked for Furnitureland South as a forklift driver and as a Maintenance Mechanic.

I get along with everyone I work with. I enjoy working with Lester Rogers, Steam Plant Supervisor, and my co-workers. I enjoy my work place, I can't complain-God has been great. I have dedicated eleven years of my life to UNCG and I plan to retire here. I love UNCG and the people that surrounds my workplace. I am proud to represent a great university-My UNCG. Thank you for this opportunity.

[Angel Ruiz-Facilities Operations](#)

THANK YOU

Dale: I want to thank you for your efforts in bringing the Bell Tower project to reality for the university. I know that there were many details that needed to be considered and coordinated. Great job!

Jorge Quintal-Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities

THANK YOU

Chris Fay:

I just wanted to send a great big THANK YOU to Peter Ashe, Keith Siler, Matt Weaver and Rickey Craft for the work that you did on the SB stadium last week in preparation for our recruiting visit!! The stadium always looks amazing, but with your efforts, it truly was even more special than usual!!

The player that we have on campus (she is with us until 4pm today) is from southern CA and her older sister actually plays for Cal-Berkeley. After spending a year of watching their older daughter play in the PAC-10, the prospect's parents have seen some great facilities on the west coast. Despite that fact, they were BLOWN AWAY by our facility, commenting to myself, my assistant coaches, and some of our players how our stadium is "so much nicer than Stanford, UCLA, or Arizona"! Even though WE already know that, their positive feedback is a major testament to the work that you all put into the facility last week, and I want to sincerely thank all of you for your time and efforts on this special request. Thank you so very much for your part in our recruiting weekend. [Jennifer Aguilar, Assistant AD for Facilities and Game Operations-Spartan Athletics](#)

Ada Baldwin:

This is just to let you know how much the Graduate School appreciated the quick action of Valerie Johnson and John Pearce on August 16th. They were instrumental in helping us correct a mix-up with boxes of bulletins before our orientation for new Graduate students. John and Valerie went above and beyond their call of duty to support us and create a positive image of UNCG for new students. Their good work was greatly appreciated and noticed by all. [Dr. Laura A. Chesak-Associate Dean of The Graduate School](#)

Ada Baldwin:

I am unsure of where to leave positive feedback for UNCG employees, but I just want to say that Douglas Lester and Rodney Stewart are exceptional employees. I lost my phone in Petty Building and they found my phone and helped me get it back. Anyone else might have mistaken the phone for garbage or taken it for themselves, but they didn't. I am very thankful for their good deed. If their positions are ever in question for removal, please reconsider and keep them as they are employees with great character.

[Deanna Terrell-University Relations](#)

Sherry Stevens:

We are both new faculty members in the School of Education Building, as of August 2011. We feel it is important to recognize and commend Debbie Joyce for what she has done for the both of us as we transition into our UNCG positions. From our first arrival on campus, Debbie has made us feel welcome. Not only has she been a friendly face, but she has also regularly gone above and beyond her job to ensure we were settling nicely into UNCG and the city of Greensboro. To give you a few examples: Debbie greeted us each morning by name, asked about our families, and checked to see if we needed anything. She offered her help and guidance as we began to familiarize ourselves with the campus. She gave us advice about the Greensboro area, offered to give us a tour of the campus, and when we were moving into our office, provided extra services (e.g., box removal, extra vacuuming) to keep our spaces tidy during the transition.

Her actions have increased our comfort and connectedness to UNCG. Moreover, her friendliness and care have made us feel like valued additions to the facility. We are so grateful for the warm welcome and we want to bring her invaluable contributions to your attention.

[Nicole M. Martin, PhD Assistant Professor Teacher Education and Higher Education and Bree Jimenez PhD Assistant Professor-Specialized Education Services](#)

TEAMWORK

This is an example of "teamwork" on Zone Maintenance-East. The employees in the photo are Craig Rumley, Teddy Hyatt and Mark Friddle. Also assisting, but not included in this picture are Michael Davis and Mark Cable. The employees are busy assembling classroom furniture in the New School of Education Building before Fall classes begin. Of course, Teddy volunteered to do the hardest job. [Mark Cable-Facilities Operations](#)



UNCG GREEN OFFICE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

ENERGY:

- We shut off our computer monitors and/or manually send our computers into sleep/hibernate modes after 15 minutes of inactivity when not in use during the day.
- We turn off computers and monitors at the end of the day.
- When applicable, the sleep/hibernate mode is enabled on all copiers and printers after five minutes (or less) of inactivity.
- All lights are turned off when not in use during the day, including common spaces such as kitchens, conference rooms, storage closets and bathrooms.
- All lights are turned off at the end of the day.
- Office equipment is turned off at the end of each day.

RECYCLING+WASTE REDUCTION:

- We use recycling bins provided by the OFFICE OF WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING.
- If needed, we will request additional bins from OWRR.
- If needed, we will request additional signs showing how to appropriately recycle from OWRR.
- We make recycling bins available for meetings and/or events organized by our office.
- We review "How to Recycle" materials at a staff meeting at least once every six months.
- We print/copy on both sides of the page whenever possible.
- We utilize visual reminders provided by the Office of Sustainability.
- If we publish a newsletter, we offer an electronic version instead of paper version.

KITCHEN + BREAKROOMS:

- When we supply paper products, our office only uses products containing at least 30% recycling content. UNCG Purchasing, Staples, Office Depot.
- We make reusable flatware available in common eating areas where a sink is available.
*Contact the office of Sustainability for assistance.
- We encourage everyone in the Department of Facilities Operations to bring a reusable beverage cup/mug.

PARTICIPATION :

- We have a dedicated contact person to communicate with the Office of Sustainability.
- People working in our office know if they have questions or ideas they can contact the office of sustainability directly, or approach their office contact person.
- Our office has signed the Energy Conservation Pledge
- Our office contact receives and shares monthly tips and resource updates from the office of Sustainability.

SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

Energy conservation and the use of the latest efficient technology has been established as the norm at UNCG with current and future renovation and construction projects. This is evident through UNCG's tremendous advances in water conservation through the installation of low flow fixtures and improvements in the steam and chilled water infrastructures. On the energy side, consisting of electricity, natural gas, and fuel oil (used primarily as a back-up fuel), UNCG has promoted the use of energy efficient lighting, temperature controls and setpoints for occupied/unoccupied modes, and a proactive maintenance and repair program for heating and cooling equipment. These improvements are evidence of UNCG's proactive approach in understanding the significance of energy saving initiatives and the impact they have on both the economy and environment. Even with these reductions however, the University as a whole needs to understand that to truly make a difference in the use of resources and energy, everyone needs to be proactive in their day-to-day responsibilities. Simple examples include turning off your computer/monitor/printer at the end-of-the day, turning off excessive or unnecessary lighting, being aware of conditions in your surroundings that may bring up the question "does this really need to be on or even plugged in?" With this approach and everyone's participation, UNCG can continue to develop and promote a campus of energy efficiency and be a model for others to duplicate.

[Dave Basich-Facilities Operations-Energy Manager](#)

[The Meaning of the September Birth Flower: The Aster is love, faith, wisdom and symbolized valor.](#)